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To whom it may concern:

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is considering the sale of approximately 50 tracts of State School Trust land located in Daniels County. Please see attached list for descriptions, acres, and affected Trust.

The 2003 State Legislature passed statutes (77-2-361 through 367 MCA) authorizing the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to sell state trust land and utilize those funds to purchase replacement land for the school trust through a process called Land Banking. The statute placed limits on the amount of Trust Land that can be sold under the Land Banking process. DNRC can sell no more than 250,000 acres and 75% of those acres need to be isolated parcels.

The DNRC (vacant tracts) or the lessees (leased tracts) recently nominated the parcels. We have completed a preliminary evaluation of the parcels for Land Banking. We are currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), of the impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed land sale.

The MEPA analysis will be conducted, and presented to the Board of Land Commissioners (Board) for preliminary approval. If approval is received from the Board, the Department will then conduct appraisals to determine an estimated value and recommended minimum bid price for the parcels proposed for sale. The parcels will then be brought back before the Board to establish the minimum acceptable bid for each parcel and approval to proceed with the sale process.

By this letter, DNRC is requesting comments under the Montana Environmental Policy Act regarding the possible sale of approximately 7300, in Daniels County. Comments on the sale of the parcels will be considered if received no later than November 25, 2011 and may be sent to:

DNRC
R. Hoyt Richards
PO Box 1007
Glasgow, MT 59230

Additional information on the Land Banking process is available on the web site at:
http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/land_banking/about.asp

If you have further questions you may call me at (406) 228-2430

Sincerely

R. Hoyt Richards

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Glasgow Unit Manger, NELO

List of Parcels being considered for sale

Sec.	Twns.	Rng.	Legal	# of Acres	Class.
34	37N	50E	SE4SW4	40.00	Grazing
26	37N	50E	NW4SE4	40.00	Grazing
27	37N	46E	SE4NW4, S2SE4, SW4	280.00	Ag/Grazing
14	34N	44E	S2NE4	80.00	Grazing/other
14	34N	44E	SE4SW4	40.00	Ag/Grazing
34	35N	45E	NW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
34	35N	45E	W2SW4	80.00	Ag/Grazing
4	34N	45E	LOT 1, SE4NE4, E2SE4	160.19	Grazing/other
3	34N	45E	LOT 4, SW4NW4	80.24	Ag/Grazing
10	34N	45E	THAT PART LYING W OF COUNTY ROAD IN THE W2	98.98	Grazing/other
3	34N	45E	PT LYING W OF COUNTY ROAD R/W IN THE W2SW4	16.81	Grazing/other
14	34N	44E	N2SW4	80.00	Grazing
24	34N	46E	NE4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
14	34N	45E	N2NW4, E2SW4	160.00	Grazing
14	34N	45E	N2NE4, S2SE4	160.00	Grazing/other
12	34N	45E	W2SW4	80.00	Grazing
4	36N	43E	SE4	160.00	Grazing
8	35N	44E	SW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
8	35N	44E	SE4	160.00	Grazing
7	35N	44E	NE4, NE4SE4	200.00	Grazing/other
2	37N	44E	LOTS 7,8,9,10	160.00	Ag/Grazing
36	36N	44E	N2, SE4, LESS 5 AC IN S2SW4SE4SE4	476.30	Ag/Grazing
30	36N	45E	LOTS 3 & 4	72.18	Grazing
25	36N	44E	N2SE4, N2SW4SE4, SW4SW4SE4, W2SE4SW4SE4, W2E2SE4SW4SE4, N2N2SE4SE4, N2S2N2SE4SE4	132.50	Ag/Grazing
25	36N	44E	SW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
36	36N	44E	S2SW4SE4SE4	5.00	Homesite

16	36N	51E	S2	320.00	Grazing
3	36N	43E	S2	320.00	Ag/Grazing
3	36N	43E	LOTS 1 - 4, S2N2	320.16	Ag/Grazing
4	36N	43E	NE4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
10	36N	43E	SW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
10	36N	43E	NE4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
9	36N	43E	SE4, E2NE4	240.00	Ag/Grazing
29	37N	43E	NW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
31	37N	43E	NE4NW4, E2	360.00	Ag/Grazing
32	37N	43E	E2SW4, LESS 12.56 AC IN S2NE4SW4	67.44	Grazing
32	37N	43E	N2NW4, SE4NW4	120.00	Grazing
32	37N	43E	W2SW4, SW4NW4	120.00	Ag/Grazing
32	37N	43E	SE4	157.94	Ag/Grazing
29	37N	43E	W2SW4, SE4SW4	120.00	Ag/Grazing
10	36N	43E	NW4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
11	36N	43E	NE4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
32	37N	43E	PT S2NE4SW4	12.56	Homesite
30	37N	43E	SE4	160.00	Ag/Grazing
4	37N	43E	LOT 8, S2	360.00	Ag/Grazing
21	35N	47E	W2NW4	80.00	Ag/Grazing
33	34N	51E	NE4NW4_NW4SE4	80.00	Grazing
23	35N	48E	SW4SE4	40.00	Grazing
25	36N	48E	SW4SE4	40.00	Grazing